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THE COVER STORY

A momentous occasion TCRT '1300' comes home to Lake Harriet after a limbo of 17 years! On the sunny morning of Wednesday, June 9 our vintage car was pulled from the Minnesota Transfer Ry. roundhouse on Cleveland Avenue in St. Paul. '1300' was then pivoted on the roundhouse turntable to properly orient it for shipment and trundled through the transfer yards to a waiting heavy duty flatbed. Ramped aboard with some difficulty, the car began her circuitous midday journey through the Twin Cities to Harriet -- an odyssey well documented by Minneapolis and St. Paul news media. By late afternoon '1300' had arrived on site and was cautiously re-railed as throngs of the curious and well-wishers looked on. The generator was then attached, and for the first time within living memory for many, our old car began to hum with life as the staccato thump of the air compressor began to pump air into the lines. Amid cheers '1300' then moved up the hill under her own power to the waiting Linden Hills carbarn where she will now be groomed for the partial re-opening of the rejuvenated line in late August. Soon the bells and whistle of '1300' will again be heard along the west shore. The return of '1300' to Como-Harriet 'Glen' is a most-tangible high-point in the long journey back -- a journey not simply measured in miles, but in years of planning, dedication and considerable physical effort. 1300 has come home!

WELCOME ABOARD, NEW MTM MEMBERS

Floyd O. Barnett, 5425 Portland Ave., Mpls.; R.M. Butler, 731 East 26th St., Mpls. (representing the Midwest Transportation Token and Ticket Club); Jack C. Butz, 1560 Alameda St., St. Paul; E. B. Curry, 334 Cherokee Ave., St. Paul; Charles Chotkowski, 5308 East Bald Eagle Blvd., White Bear; R. V. Francaviglia, 393 Old Highway 8, Apt. 302, New Brighton; Jack Gordon, 1414 25th Ave. No., Mpls.; Robert L. Renz, 8443 4th Ave. So., Bloomington; James N. Verhey, 6012 Zenith Ave. So., Edina; John P. Obern, 5049 Dupont Ave. So., Mpls.; Robert W. Kleinhans, 8110 Ingelside Ave. So., Cottage Grove; John Malven, 1707 Xerxes Ave. No., Mpls.; Ron Middlestaedt, 4841 Oxborough Lane, Bloomington; Robert W. Bogenberger, 809 1/2 N. Martel Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

MTM ANNUAL PICNIC SET

The annual museum picnic will be held Sunday, July 25 at Lake Harriet. Our outing this year will be jointly held with the Twin Cities Council of the Model Railroad Association. The picnic location at Harriet will be the northwest side of the lake in the park next to the Como-Harriet streetcar right-of-way. Bring your own refreshments and the whole family. It's a great opportunity to see the work to date and view 1300 on site.

BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE

For those wishing to obtain back issues of the Minnegazette, certain copies are still available at 25¢ cost each to cover postage and handling. Please refer all inquiries to Box '1300' Hopkins, Minn. 55343.

THE RESTORATION WORK AT HARRIET PUSHES FORWARD

The full-scale authentic, historic restoration of the 'Glen' line at Harriet is proceeding on schedule. The rails to 42nd Street are down and leveled; ballast work is proceeding; and old '1300' has arrived on site -- her old, new and permanent home! While much remains to be done -- ie; further ballasting; installation of security lights, the 42nd Street crossing and station area rails, training of motormen, conductors, supervisory crews and pre-operation equipment overhaul. -- We are still on schedule for our anticipated August opening! The work will go even faster if all museum members would volunteer even limited help. There is a job for everyone! Preparatory to our August opening, we have considerable clean-up work, painting, sign installation, ballast tamping, plus much, much more. Give a hand -- don't let George do it all! And,

P.S.; let's continue to sell the '1300' story to the public -- expenses have been high -- use those flyers enclosed with this issue -- ask all you meet to make a contribution to 'Trolley'. Every little bit helps -- no matter how small -- it all adds up to progress at the site.

JULY - CREW SCHEDULES (Members, please note your assigned day)

The normal work day is 9 A. M. - Noon and 1 P. M. - 4 P. M. Saturdays and 1 P. M. - 6 P. M. Sundays. All details are at Harriet, except for July 3 and July 17 at the N. P. Coach in Minnehaha Park.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>FOREMAN</u>	<u>WORK CREW</u>
7-3	Sat.	Martin (old N. P. coach at Minnehaha)	Svobodny, Cordes, Harrison, Mackner
7-10	Sat.	Pinske	Benson, Diers, Mitchell, Algren, Lindberg
7-11	Sun.	Isaacs	Poehler, Bergstrom, Priebe, Peletier, Rubin
7-17	Sat.	Sandberg (old N. P. coach at Minnehaha)	Shogren, Kiewel, McCauley, Middelstaedt
7-17	Sat.	Pinske	Phillips, Renz, Ferch, Johnson, Hawkey, Haskell
7-18	Sun.	Isaacs	Dumas, Wm. Olsen, Green, Baker, Nelson
7-24	Sat.	Podas	Barney Olson, Corrin, Knott, Butz
7-25	Sun.	Anderson	Arneson, Fuller, Parker, Verhey
7-31	Sat.	Stein	Norman, Chotkowski, Nordale, Kleinhans

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SCENES FROM THE MOVE —
A PICTURE NARRATIVE!



... and, then it's off across the Twin Cities ...



Venerable TCRT 1300 is pulled from the Transfer Roundhouse ramped aboard a waiting flatbed - easy, there! ...

... down Ford Parkway ...





... snaking through tight turns in South Minneapolis streets ...

... Along the south shore of Calhoun ...

... easing down the 42nd St. hill ...



... At last! The Como-Harriet right-of-way.

... 1300 is home, again!



MORE EXCELLENT TWIN CITIES MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE WORK AT HARRIET AND THE "1300" ROLLER



Similar to No. 1300, a fully restored 1908 trolley, this yellow trolley in 1954 made a run near Lake Harriet.



Minneapolis Star Photo by Arthur Meyer. Trolley hasn't operated to the Twin City Lake Harriet-Harriet line since the Minneapolis Park Board Service was taken out of the line about Aug. 1.

Here comes the trolley

The big wheels will click on the rails, the yellow car will sway gently as it moves along its line, and the four electric motors — one on each axle — will hum.

Originally planned to begin its "may" on Labor Day, the trolley...

Old 1300 returns to Harriet line



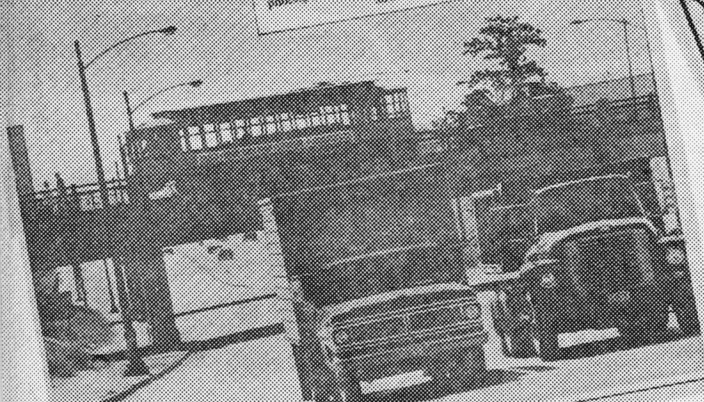
Streetcar 1300 is pulled from barn, towed past Macalester and over Ford Bridge...

Streetcar 1300, built in 1908 and retired when buses took over in 1954, took a new lease on life Wednesday. It was towed from the old Post station barn back to Lake Harriet where it is going to be put back in service about Aug. 1. The restoration is a project of the Minneapolis Transportation Museum and the Minneapolis Park Board.

Old streetcars never die

Twin Cities motorists who haven't seen a trolley car on the streets for 17 years, did a double take Wednesday when old 1300 was towed across the Minneapolis Transfer Railway tracks at University Ave. (Other photos, Page 1B.)

Minneapolis Star Photo by Larry Schreiber



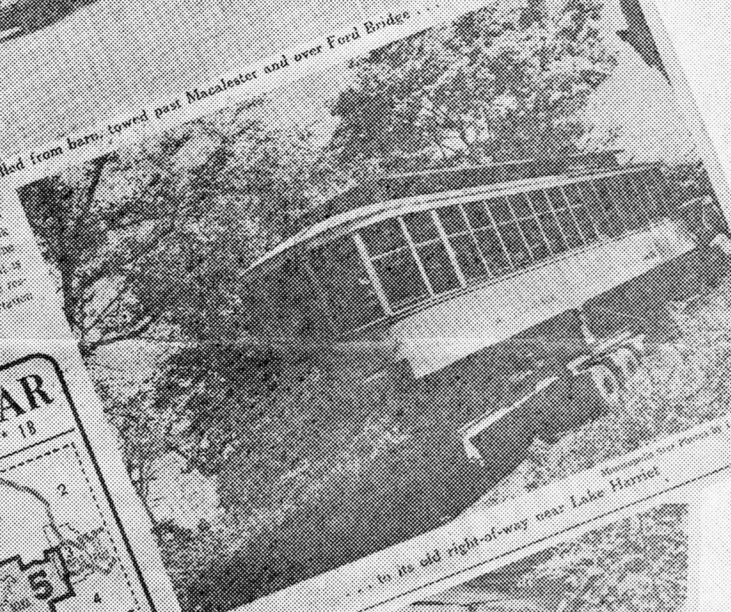
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YOUR AREA NEWS

ZONE 5

SOUTHWEST, SUBURBAN



... to its old right-of-way near Lake Harriet

... Our heart felt thanks to members of the T.C. Press Corps for their excellent coverage!

'Old 1300' readied for comeback



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